Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—There might have been some vacancies. I do not remember the number.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has there not been a most recent vacancy in the study leave arrangement of Mr. Sreenivasa Ayyar?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—There was an acting vacancy.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it not for a period of two years?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was the report of the Commissioner submitted to the Government before the vacancy was filled up?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Subsequent to this order of the Acting Diwan was not Mr. Madhava Menon promoted as an Inspector of Police?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was he not a man whose promotion was debarred by the Commissioner of Police for one year?

Mr, P. Nilakanta Menon—I have not got the papers here. It is possible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan—Before the expiry of one year, was he not posted as an Inspector of Police?

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—We are going far away. We are going into the history of officers. We are not interested in such questions.

President.—It is relevant to the question.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—On a Point of Order, Sir. Here is a question asked about the comparative merits of the two candidates. How is it that it is not a supplementary question?

President.—It is for the President to decide. I did not decide that way.

Paucity of Anchal men in Trichur.

268. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how many villages are served by the Trichur Anchal Office.

(b) what is the number of Anchal men employed in the Trichur Office;

(c) of whom how many are doing town service and how many village service;

(d) is there not keen necessity for increasing the number of hands for mail delivery;

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(e) has there been any report from the Anchal Superintendent at any time to increase the number of hands for service in the Trichur Office ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Five.

(b) Eight.

(c) Seven are doing Town and one Village service.

(d) No.

(e) Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(b) Of these eight villages does not one take in a far-off place, Vaniampara?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How far is it from Trichur ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—10 to 14 miles.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With that one peon can all these villages be served efficiently?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is how it stands now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it efficient service?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It will be more efficient if you appoint more men.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there not any necessity to appoint more men? Here is a place 15 miles off from the station to be served by a peon who has to serve other villages also.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government will consider it.

Erumapetti Registry Office.

269. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether petitions have not been received by Government requesting the opening of a Registry Office at Erumapetti;

(2) what steps has the Government taken to grant the prayer of the petitioners?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) The prayer was considered by the Government; but finances did not admit of its being granted.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(2) Whose finances ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government's.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Did the Government find all the funds necessary for the institution of a Registry office at Narakkal?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That was done two years back.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I did not ask for the time. Was the whole finance found by the Government?

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